Tribal Sub-Plan

4525. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) by when the tribal sub-plan was introduced alongwith the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the literacy percentage of Scheduled Tribes when Tribal sub-plan was introduced and the present literacy percentage of such Scheduled Tribes under Tribal Sub-Plan; and

(c) the amount spent on education of Scheduled Tribes in Tribal sub-plan areas since the inception of Tribal sub-plan till-date, year-wise and State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) The Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) strategy was introduced during fifth five Year plan with two pronged objectives, namely, (i) Socio-economic Development of Scheduled Tribes and (ii) protection of tribals against exploitation Tribal Sub-Plan is applicable in 18 States and 2 Union Territories.

(b) The Tribal Sub-Plan concept was introduced in 1974-75. Hence, the figures of literacy percentage for Scheduled Tribes according to 1971 census is adopted for Tribal Sub-plan area. Accordingly a statement showing the percentage of literacy among the Scheduled Tribes under Tribal Sub-Plan area as per 1971 and 1991 census is at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 112]

(c) The Ministry is implementing various Central/Centrally sponsored Schemes for education of Scheduled Tribes in Tribal sub-plan areas. The details are given at Annexure [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 112].

Expansion of Tribal Sub-Plan in Rajasthan

4526. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan has been demanding expansion of Tribal sub-plan (TSP) area in the State by including 10 more tehsils since 1995;

(b) what action have Government taken on this demand; and

(c) if no decision has been taken, by when Government would take a decision in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Government has yet to submit complete information to examine the proposal.

Tribal Welfare and Rehabilitation Package

4527. PROF. M. SANKARA LINGAM : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any special package for tribal welfare and rehabilitation;

(b) if so, what are those; and

(c) whether there is any special mechanism to implement them ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing a number of schemes for overall socio-economic and educational development of the Scheduled Tribes. These schemes are :

(1) Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan

(2) Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution.

(3) Boys hostels for scheduled Tribes.

(4) Girls Hostels for Scheduled Tribes.

(5) Ashram Schools in Tribal Areas.

(6) Vocational Training in Tribal Areas.

(7) Educational Complexes.

(8) State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation Scheme.

(9) Village Grain Banks

(10) Research and Training.

(11) Development of primitive Tribal Groups.

(12) Grant to Non-Governmental Organisations.

(13) Investment in Share Capital of TRIFED

(14) Price Support Scheme to TRIFED

(15) Post Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Tribes.